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Mr.William Brewster
Harvard University
Cambridge,Mass.

My dear Mr.Brewster:

Through our mutual friend,Mr.Forbush, I have learned that you might possibly be interested in our work for the next two years in the far north.

Under separate cover I am sending you a prospectus . Our objective point is the only remaining unexplored section of the Polar Sea. Dr.R.A. Harris declares this to contain one half a million square miles of land as shown by his deductions of all known tidal observations. Admiral R.E.Peary states that he saw this land distinctly about 130 miles northwest of Cape Thomas Hubbard.

In addition to the work of exploration we are planning to do work along the lines of Geology, Meteorology,Zoology,Ethnology,and Ornithology. The last I am especially interested in and di all of the bird work on Peary's last expedition. We were fortunate in finding two nests of the knot (Tringa canutus). Much to my surpris these were found back among the hills and not along the shore where we had been looking for weeks. Now that I

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know something of the characteristics of the bird I am confident that during the next two years I can add to this small collection.

During the spring of 1909 I saw the brant going northwest along the coast of Grant Land. In 1900 Sverdrup noticed great flocks going up through Eureka Sound and Nansen Sound. These two lines converge at Crocker Land . Possibly here on this new land we may find the great breeding place of this bird. Some very interesting ornithological work yet remains to be done in the Arctic.

As joint leader of the Crocker Land Expedition I have pledged $5000 to the fund. I am appealing especially to men who are interested in my line such as Mr.Zenas Crane of Dalton who has a private museum at Pittsfield,also to Mr.John Eliot Thayer of Leominster;bh both of these men have generously responded. May I put you down as a donor to the work?

I expect to be in Boston in about two weeks and should very much like to meet you and talk over my plans. I know that you can help me with some very valuable suggestions.

Very truly yours,

D.B. Mac Millan

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